

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-141271
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UMPQUA INDIAN DEVELOPMENT)	
CORP. DBA RIO)	
COMMUNICATIONS ,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
of WAC 480-120-382 Requiring)	FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY
Competitively Classified)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
Telecommunications Companies to File)	ANNUAL REPORT
the 2013 Annual Report no later than)	
May 1, 2014)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 21, 2014, Umpqua Indian Development Corp. dba Rio Communications (Rio Communications or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2013 as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to Rio Communications, year-end financial statements will not be finalized and approved by the due date. Rio Communications seeks an extension until July 1, 2014. The Company paid its annual regulatory fee prior to May 1, 2014.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting Communications’ request for exemption.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies, including competitively classified telecommunications companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04 and RCW 80.36.
- 4 (2) Rio Communications is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) Rio Communications is subject to WAC 480-120-382, which requires competitively
classified telecommunications companies to file an annual report no later than May 1
of each year.
- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-120-015, the Commission may grant an exemption from any rule in
WAC 480-120, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying
regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
June 26, 2014.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition in Docket UT-141271 by Rio Communications filed on
April 21, 2014, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the
exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the
regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The request by Umpqua Indian Development Corp. dba Rio Communications for an
exemption from WAC 480-120-382 and for an extension until July 1, 2014, to file its
2013 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Umpqua Indian Development Corp. dba Rio Communications to file
its annual report by July 1, 2014, may result in the Commission invoking RCW
80.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of
statute, rules and Commission orders.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Umpqua Indian
Development Corp. dba Rio Communications to effectuate the provisions of this
Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 26, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary